

Minutes of November 7, 2011

The work meeting opened at 5PM; all members were present.

The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Claire Anacreon requesting that the Board waive the penalty and fees for her Real Estate Property Tax bill. It was noted that an error had occurred when the property was transferred and that the bank holding the mortgage had not included one of the lots in the tax escrow account resulting in the bill not being sent to the proper owner and therefore no payment was included when the bank sent the tax payment from the escrow account. After discussion the Board voted to waive all fees/penalties except for the Tax in the amount of \$59.83, for interest in the amount of \$4.77 and for the redemption fee in the amount of \$75.00 for a total of \$139.60 this one time only.

The Board reviewed and discussed the list of those interested in serving on the Administrative Committee. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Barbara Marchione, B. Daniel Litchfield, David Lowman, Prudence Spaulding, Harvey Thompson and Burton Imberman as alternate. The committee will work on the tasks from the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, with a recommendation as to full or part-time and salary. The committee is to report back to the Board, in writing, no later than March 1, 2012 with its recommendations. The Board would also like the committee to attend its meeting on November 17th at 7:00 p.m. to receive its charges.

The Board reviewed and discussed the final Berkshire Public Alliance Agreement, since there were no changes from the draft that the Board had previously voted to conditionally accept, a motion was made, seconded and so voted to sign the document.

The Board reviewed and discussed the applications that were received for the open Highway Department position. Upon the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent the Board will interview two of the applicants on November 14 starting at 5:00 p.m.

The Board reviewed and discussed the warrant articles for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for November 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The Board will come in during the week and sign the warrant once Town Counsel has completed his review.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Winter Road Contractor Agreement with Woodruff Mountain Landscaping with the Highway Superintendent Peter Marks. The Board will take the matter under advisement until next week.

The work meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

The regular meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m.; all members were present.

The minutes of October 31st were accepted as prepared.

The Board noted that it has signed the final agreement for the Berkshire Public Alliance. It was noted that Mr. Scott McFarland would be the representative for New Marlborough. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Mr. Jack Bellinger as an alternate.

The Board stated that it will hold the Winter Road Agreement until next week.

The Board noted that it has appointed the following people to serve on the Administrative Committee: Barbara Marchione, B. Daniel Litchfield, Harvey Thompson, Prudence Spaulding, David Lowman and Burton Imberman as the alternate member. The Board would meet with the committee on November 17th at 7:00 p.m. to issue charges to the committee.

It was noted that the Board will have a joint meeting with the Finance Committee on November 21st to review, discuss and appoint a new member.

The Board stated that it will hold interviews next week with two of the applicants for the opening in the Highway Department.

The Board announced that there will be a Special Town Meeting on Monday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m. and that there are six articles.

Selectman Yohalem mentioned that the grant from the Cultural Council was approved for 10 tickets for town employees and their families for each of the events at the meeting house for calendar year 2012.

Charles Parton inquired as to the status of the bid for the newentry way for the Town Hall. The Board advised that one bid was received and awarded last week to O'Neil & Associates of Canaan, CT in the amount of \$52,818.00.

Charles Parton inquired as to the status of the appointment of an Accounting Officer. Mr. Yohalem advised that they had two interviews and one applicant has withdrawn her name for consideration and that checking of references is still ongoing.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
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